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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS: INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW

SUMMARY: THE WASHINGTON-BASED INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL  
LAW AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HAS ASKED AID FINANCIAL  
SUPPORT FOR AN AFRICAN COLLOQUIUM ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND  
DEVELOPMENT TO BE SPONSORED BY THE INSTITUTE IN COLLABORA-  
TION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF RWANDA. RWANDAN AMBASSADOR TO  
THE UN KARUHIJE HAS BEEN PURSUING THE IDEA WITH THE  
INSTITUTE AND HAS INDICATED HIS GOVERNMENT'S WILLINGNESS TO  
HOST SUCH A CONFERENCE THIS YEAR. THOUGH AID FAVORS USG  
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE, WE WOULD WISH TO  
HAVE EMBASSY VIEWS BEFORE TAKING FURTHER ACTION ON  
INSTITUTE'S REQUEST. END SUMMARY.

1. COLLOQUIUM PROPOSED BY INSTITUTE WOULD BE A RELATIVELY  
SMALL GATHERING MADE UP PRIMARILY OF AFRICANS, AND WOULD  
FOCUS ON HUMAN RIGHTS ASPECTS OF AFRICAN POLITICAL, SOCIAL

AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. THOUGH INSTITUTE HAS SET NO FINAL AGENDA, THE MAJOR TOPICS BEING CONSIDERED ARE: A) ATTITUDES, BELIEFS, INSTITUTIONS AND EXPERIENCES IN INDIGENOUS AFRICAN SOCIETIES WHICH EITHER SUSTAIN OR REPUDIATE THE VIEW THAT CERTAIN CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS SHOULD BE UPHELD EVEN AGAINST THE IMPERATIVE OF NATION-BUILDING; B) TRADE-OFFS RELATED TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS IN NON-INDUSTRIALIZED AFRICAN STATES; AND, C) PROTECTIONS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS CONTAINED IN TRADITIONAL AFRICAN USAGE AND LAW WHICH MAY BE APPLICABLE TO MODERN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SYSTEMS.

2. IF AID FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SUCH A CONFERENCE IS PROVIDED, IT WILL BE UNDER AID'S NEW INITIATIVES IN HUMAN RIGHTS PROGRAM, WITH A GRANT TO THE INTERNATIONAL LAW AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE. OUR INVOLVEMENT WOULD BE LIMITED TO FINANCING CONFERENCE TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSES. AID WOULD ALSO ENCOURAGE THE INSTITUTE TO OBTAIN NON-GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AS WELL. RWANDA, THROUGH ITS UN MISSION, HAS FORMALLY OFFERED TO HOST AN INSTITUTE-SPONSORED CONFERENCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS IF FINANCING CAN BE ARRANGED BY INSTITUTE. DETAILED PLANNING FOR CONFERENCE WOULD BE RESPONSIBILITY OF INSTITUTE, WORKING IN COLLABORATION WITH GOR.

3. PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RPT NO OFFICIAL USG DELEGATION ATTENDING THE PROPOSED CONFERENCE, THOUGH PRIVATE AMERICAN PARTICIPATION MAY BE INVOLVED. THE SELECTION OF INVITEES AND THE MAKE-UP OF THE CONFERENCE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AGENDA WOULD BE HANDLED BY THE INSTITUTE IN COLLABORATION WITH THE RWANDA GOVERNMENT. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD ALSO BE HANDLED BY THE INSTITUTE AND THE GOR. NO DEMANDS FOR SERVICE, ASSISTANCE OR OTHER INVOLVEMENT ARE TO BE PLACED UPON THE EMBASSY.

4. TO ENABLE US TO RESPOND TO THE INSTITUTE'S REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE, NEED EMBASSY RWANDA'S COMMENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IN LIGHT OF PAST RWANDA-BURUNDI RECRIMINATIONS OVER HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES, WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE GETTING ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY BUJUMBURA MAY WISH TO OFFER. REQUEST EMBASSIES NOT RPT NOT DISCUSS PROPOSED COLLOQUIUM WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS AT THIS TIME.  
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